

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts Item and Task Specifications

Partial, Representative List of Tier 2 Words		
Likely to be in the 3-5 grade band	Likely to be in the 6-8 grade band	Likely to be in the 9-11 grade band
Different important choose faithful stable* exactly center explain excuse* according actually bound* declare experience figure* fortunate gradually necessary ordinary measure* approach period* establish achieve ignore select automatic concentrate* construct consult establish demonstrate interpret obtain	assume identify conclude* alternative consist contribute definite distinct evident expand indicate individual initial* intense major* method publish structure emphasize illustrate exaggerate approximate complicate modify tradition transmit restrict negative* convert analyze consequent impact potential precise	specify technique compensate arbitrary random suffice verify perspective pertinent evaluate feasible passive simultaneous component formulate magnitude manipulate ultimate criterion hypothesis fluctuate innovation respective subsequent benevolent malign abstraction coherent emanate impervious succumb transitory empirical entity

*designates homographs